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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT FILLS TWO VACANCIES IN  
18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

The Illinois Supreme Court has filled two vacancies on the Circuit Court in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit which encompasses DuPage County.

The Supreme Court appointed Associate Judge John J. Kinsella to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge Kenneth Moy.

The Court also appointed Richard M. Stock, who served as chief of staff under former Illinois Attorney General James Ryan, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge Edward R. Duncan, Jr. Both men have extensive prosecutorial experience.

The appointment of Judge Kinsella is effective immediately. The appointment of Mr. Stock is effective October 15. Both appointments terminate December 1, 2008, when the positions will be filled by the November 2008 election.

Judge Kinsella worked in the DuPage County state's attorneys office from 1980 to 2003, when he was elected by Circuit Court judges as an associate judge.

In the state attorney's office, Judge Kinsella served as chief of special prosecutions from 1985 to 1992, deputy chief of the criminal division from 1991 to 1996, and first assistant state's attorney from 1996 to 2003.

He received his law degree *cum laude* from Northern Illinois University in 1981 and graduated from Western Illinois University in 1978.

Judge Kinsella has received several awards and commendations, and served as first vice president of the Illinois Prosecutors Bar Association from 1999 to 2003.

Mr. Stock was chief of staff to the attorney general from 1998 to 2002, responsible for all the operations in the office. In addition to supervising all the attorneys who appeared in state and federal courts and before various state boards and commissions, Mr. Stock supervised national multistate consumer and antitrust investigations and litigations, including the tobacco industry

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litigation which resulted in a \$9.3 billion settlement for Illinois; and antitrust litigation involving Microsoft.

Mr. Stock served as Illinois' chief deputy attorney general from 1995 to 1998. Before that, he was first assistant state's attorney and chief criminal prosecutor of DuPage County from 1988 to 1995. He also worked in the Cook County state's attorney's office from 1977 to 1988, supervising several criminal divisions.

Since 2002, he has been a partner at Drinker Biddle law firm, focusing on complex commercial litigation.

Mr. Stock received his law degree from Loyola University School of Law in Chicago in 1997 and his B.S. degree from the University of Illinois in 1974.